

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Lee amendment to the preamble be considered and agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the Lee amendment to the title be considered and agreed to, the title, as amended, be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5046) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on March 5, 1946, Sir Winston Churchill delivered the Iron Curtain speech in Fulton, Missouri, solidifying the "Special Relationship" between the United States and the United Kingdom;

Whereas, since the end of World War II, the United States and the United Kingdom have been beacons of freedom to the world, standing together in the fight against tyranny;

Whereas the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom has driven economic prosperity and security cooperation in both nations for more than 70 years;

Whereas, according to "Sterling Assets," a report from the Confederation of British Industry, the United States and the United Kingdom share the world's largest bilateral trade and investment relationship;

Whereas, while the United States and the United Kingdom already share a robust economic partnership and strong labor ties, there remain clear opportunities for both countries to further strengthen those ties;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and United Kingdom Department for International Trade have engaged in substantive negotiations towards the conclusion of a comprehensive trade agreement since May 2020;

Whereas the United States seeks to support higher-paying jobs in the United States and to grow the United States economy by improving United States opportunities for trade and investment with the European Union;

Whereas the economic relationship of the United States and the European Union is the largest and most complex in the world, with over \$1,100,000,000,000 in annual two-way trade;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and the European Union have engaged in substantive negotiations toward the conclusion of a trade agreement;

Whereas the United States has historically acted as a guarantor of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, an agreement between the British and Irish governments, designed to protect peace in Northern Ireland by avoiding a hard border on the island of Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, and President of the European Council Charles Michel signed the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement on January 24, 2020;

Whereas as part of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement, in order to protect the Good Friday Agreement in the aftermath of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, the two parties agreed to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and

Whereas the constitutional power of making trade agreements with foreign nations rests with Congress: Now, therefore, be it

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The title amendment (No. 5047) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should work with the Government of the United Kingdom to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom that the President should work with the President of the European Commission to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the European Union."

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 134

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Whereas the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom has driven economic prosperity and security cooperation in both nations for more than 70 years;

Whereas, according to "Sterling Assets," a report from the Confederation of British Industry, the United States and the United Kingdom share the world's largest bilateral trade and investment relationship;

Whereas, while the United States and the United Kingdom already share a robust economic partnership and strong labor ties, there remain clear opportunities for both countries to further strengthen those ties;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and United Kingdom Department for International Trade have engaged in substantive negotiations towards the conclusion of a comprehensive trade agreement since May 2020;

Whereas the United States seeks to support higher-paying jobs in the United States and to grow the United States economy by improving United States opportunities for trade and investment with the European Union;

Whereas the economic relationship of the United States and the European Union is the largest and most complex in the world, with over \$1,100,000,000,000 in annual two-way trade;

Whereas the United States Trade Representative and the European Union have engaged in substantive negotiations toward the conclusion of a trade agreement;

Whereas the United States has historically acted as a guarantor of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, an agreement between the British and Irish governments, designed to protect peace in Northern Ireland by avoiding a hard border on the island of Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Boris Johnson of the United Kingdom, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, and President of the European Council Charles Michel signed the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement on January 24, 2020;

Whereas as part of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement, in order to protect the Good Friday Agreement in the aftermath of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, the two parties agreed to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and

Whereas the constitutional power of making trade agreements with foreign nations rests with Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should strengthen its close and mutually beneficial trading and

economic partnership with the United Kingdom that takes into account, as relevant, conditions requiring that obligations under the Good Friday Agreement be met;

(2) the United States should strengthen its close and mutually beneficial trading and economic partnership with the European Union by working to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement;

(3) the President, in consultation with Congress, should work to conclude negotiations for such comprehensive trade agreements contingent upon an agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom that fully protects and preserves the Good Friday Agreement consistent with the sentiments expressed by the Senate in S. Res. 117 (117th Congress); and

(4) the President, in consultation with Congress, should strive to reach mutually advantageous resolutions of commercial disagreements between the United States and the United Kingdom, including ending the Digital Services Tax on United States businesses and ensuring a satisfactory final resolution to the World Trade Organization large civil aircraft dispute.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 923, Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hartley nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now vote on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 717, the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, as provided under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the Harris nomination, which the clerk will now report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.